



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter November 2019



Dear Parent, Carer,

Welcome to our November newsletter. As always the classes have been very busy participating in many exciting learning opportunities. We are in to the season of dark mornings and afternoons. Please help us to ensure our pupils are safe walking to and from school by wearing light or reflective clothing on the journey.

Head Lice

From time to time we receive reports of head lice within the school. Please be vigilant and check your child regularly. Information on how to spot and treat head lice can be found at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

School Uniform

As we have already welcomed a number of new pupils into our school since the start of term here is a reminder of our school uniform policy. Navy blue/red school fleece, with school badge; **navy blue** or **grey** smart trousers/ skirt/pinafore with black school shoes; plain shirt with school tie or red school polo shirt and navy school sweatshirt; red school polo shirt, plain shorts and soft shoes/trainers for PE. Please note that, with the exception of the polo shirt, children are expected to wear

their P.E. kit only for P.E. lessons, and to change back to their uniform afterwards.

Non uniform items (including leavers hoodies) should be removed before entering class and left in the cloakroom areas. We appreciate your cooperation in this.

Dogs in the Playground

Regretfully we have had a number of incidences of dogs in the playground. The council actively discourages parents from bringing dogs to school and dogs are not allowed in the playground. As well as the issue of mess some of our pupils are wary of dogs therefore can I remind you that you should not be bringing your dog into the school playground.

Wet Weather

On very wet mornings we will endeavour to open the doors at 8.50 to allow the pupils to come in and stand in their cloakroom areas until the bell goes at 9.00. However, we cannot always guarantee that staffing will be at a level where we can supervise all children. Many of our staff live a distance from the school and the weather may also be preventing them from arriving early at school, therefore a decision will need to be made on the day. If the weather is really bad we would appreciate your help in minimising

the effects by arriving at school just in time for the bell.

Book Week

As part of Scottish Book Week P1 will receive their Book Bug bag from the librarian. P2&3 will receive their Read, Write, Count bags in class and parents have been informed of this. Ideas for parents using these bags at home can be found using the links below.

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug/bookbug-bags>

<http://scottishbooktrust.com/reading/parents/read-write-count-bags>

HWB Information Evening

An information evening to provide parents with more information on the health and wellbeing supports within the school will be held on Tuesday the 12th at 6.30p.m. It will cover PATHS, Seasons for Growth and Respect for All. Please feel free to come along. If you are unable to make it but would like more information get in touch and we will be happy to talk you through our programmes.

Tummy Bugs

A reminder that if a child is absent from school due to sickness or diarrhoea, the recommendation is that the child should not return to school for 48 hours after their last bout. This

is to help prevent the spread of infection across the school.

If your child develops an illness and you are unsure as to whether or not they should attend school please contact the office and they will advise on the current recommendations.

Pupil Profiles

As part of reporting to parents pupil profiles will be sent home shortly. If we have an email address for you they will be emailed out. If not you will receive a paper copy.

Please contact us if you have not received your child's profile by Friday 13th December.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mr Collins who was successful at interview for the post of Acting Head Teacher at St Fillan's in Houston to cover the maternity leave of the current HT. Mr Collin's post has been advertised and we will be interviewing for his replacement on the 15th November. I will inform you when a new infant Acting DHT has been appointed.

House Art Day

On the 29th of November all pupils will participate in the House Christmas Art day. Things may get messy so please send your child in old clothes, of house colours, that you don't mind getting dirty with paint or glue.

Severe Weather Emergency Procedures

As the weather turns colder here is a reminder of our procedures in severe weather: on days of ice or heavy snow a pathway will be cleared from the main pedestrian entrance on Old Greenock Road as per the council gritting plan. Please stick to this path to avoid the risk of slips and falls. If the weather is very bad we may only be able to use one entrance to the school. We will endeavour to keep you informed via the text alert service and school blog but would ask that you be patient in these circumstances. Pupil safety is our first priority and entrance and dismissal may take longer than normal on these days.

You can assist us in this matter by making sure all your phone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date. Also please ensure that your emergency contacts know that should there be a dramatic change in the weather and the school has to close that they may be called on at short notice to collect your child from the school. No child will be allowed to leave the school with an adult other than a parent or emergency contact unless the parent has informed the school of this change. No pupil will be sent from school without an adult. A member of the SMT will remain in school until all pupils have been collected.

Please note that Renfrewshire Council will post messages on the local media. We will also try to repost the information on the school website and twitter feed.

Dates for the Diary

- 12.11.19** - Health and Wellbeing Parent Information Evening
- 18.11.19** - P1 Book Bags from the Library
- 21.11.19** - P2&3 Read, Write, Count Bags distributed
- 28.11.19** - New parents open afternoon
- 29.11.19** - House Art Day
- 02.12.19** - St Andrew's Holiday
- 04.12.19** - Pupil Flu vaccine
- 05.12.19** - P5 Open afternoon
- 07.12.19** - BPPC Christmas Fayre
- 11.12.19** - P4 Open afternoon
- 13.12.19** - Pupil profiles out by today
- 13.12.19** - NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day
- 17.12.19** - Infant Christmas Assembly 1 - 9.30 a.m.
- 18.12.19** - Infant Christmas Assembly 2 - 9.30 a.m.
- 19.12.19** - Infant Christmas Assembly 3 - 9.30 a.m.
- 20.12.19** - School closes for Festive Break - 2.30 p.m.
- 06.01.20** - School reopens

*Class teachers will confirm dates of class parties and movie afternoon

Yours Sincerely

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